

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

FINAL RESULTS OF CEREAL AND HAY HARVEST, 1938-39.

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There are still a few minor Wheat Districts where the completion of the collection has been delayed and a number of odd returns from farmers in other Districts outstanding, but, rather than further delay final results, a safe estimate has been made for all these and hence totals now submitted may be accepted subject to slight alteration.

GENERAL REMARKS. STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The Official estimated yield of 7,000,000 bushels, but the actual returns now collected give a yield of 7,377,411 bushels, the increase being due to the heavy weight of the grain, the average being fixed at 64½ lbs. per bushel, the highest ever recorded.

FOREST PLANTATIONS.

Particulars of Forest Plantations in this State have been obtained from about twenty companies or persons as well as from the Conservator of Forests. These reveal that at 31st December, 1938, there were approximately

98,000 acres - being the net area of forests planted and standing (viz - exclusive of fire breaks and areas burnt out, died or used), representing a total of approximately 51,000,000 trees. Of this total area, 17,500 acres were private and 80,500 Government.

During the ten years 1929-1938, nearly 15,000 acres had been planted privately and 53,000 acres by the Government, a total of nearly 68,000 acres or over 41,000,000 trees, some of which have of course died in the meantime and some burnt out.

WHEAT - 7,377,411 bushels, Decrease 11,691,012 bushels - averaging 14.18 (13.81) bushels per acre.
 OATS - 2,367,739 (2,910,944) bushels, Decrease 543,205 bushels - averaging 8.90 (8.91) bushels per acre.
 HAY (Wheaten, Oaten and Barley) - 255,714 (659,383) tons, decrease 103,869 tons - averaging 3.1 (3.22) tons per acre.
 distributed as follows - Wheaten 255,714 (659,383) tons, 379,800), Barley 4,563 (6,221) tons.

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GOVERNMENT STATIST.

Statistical Office,

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22nd March, 1939.